(c) The quantities of petrol, diesel and naphtha exported during the period April-September 2002 and average price realized for the same are as under:

	Quantity (MMT*)	Average (Rs./MT)
Petrol	1.183	12,071
Diesel	1.482	10,013
Naphtha	1.385	10,859

*MMT million metric tonnes.

Statement

Details of product-wise demand and production of petroleum products during the period 2000-2001, 2001-02 and April, September 2002:

(Figs in MMT)

Products	2000-2001		2001-02		April-September 2002	
	Demand	Production	Demand	Production	Demand	Production
LPG	7.016	6.149	7.728	6.992	4.005	3.606
Petrol	6.613	8.068	7.011	9.702	3.838	5.153
Naphtha/ NGL	11.680	11.486	11.755	10.843	5.799	5.497
Diesel	37.958	39.048	36.546	39.444	18.282	20.065

Escalation in cost of Sakhalin Gas Project

2104. SHRIMATI BIMBA RAIKAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been a sudden escalation in the project cost of Sakhalin Oilfield exploaration being undertaking by ONGC Videsh Ltd.;

(b) whether OVL's share of investment in the Russian oilfield will now overshoot its original investment of $ 1.74 billion by about $ 1 billion;

(c) whether ONGC's investment advisors had deliberately underplayed the element of possible escalation while getting the original investment fund approval for $ 1.74 billion; and

(d) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) to (d) Revision of cost estimates in oil and gas projects is a normal industry practice as the projects progress from the initial exploration phase to the development phase. During this process, costs get refined based on factors such as reserves estimates, technological aspects and financial & economic parameters. In the case of Sakhalin-I Project, the current estimated reserves for oil and gas are higher as compared to the reserves estimated at the time of approval of the project, thus necessitating higher costs, which are not final as of today.

Revival of terminated dealership by BPCL

2105. SHRI NANDIYELLAIAH: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that oil marketing companies are not empowered to take decision on issues of revival of terminated retail outlets and SKO-LDO dealership and condoning any delay in the commissioning of retail outlets/dealerships;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that Bharat Petroleum Corporation had revived two terminated retail outlet dealerships during last year;

(c) if so, the grounds on which the said retail outlets/dealerships were terminated earlier; and

(d) the grounds on which Government permitted BPCL to revive those retail outlets/dealerships?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH GANGWAR): (a) As per the Government guidelines issued in January, 1999, revival of SKO/LDO dealerships is not permited. However, revival of retail outlets which have become inoperative after 1.1.1996 can be considered by the Oil Marketing Companies subject to certain norms. Besides, deserving cases which are not strictly covered under guidelines can be referred to the Government for decision.

(b) Yes, Sir.